(3) M|s. Merind Ltd.,

(4) M/s. Tamilnadu Dadha Pharmaceuticals Ltd.,

(5) M|s. S. G. Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

(b) The number of products and the details of prices fixed in respect of these is quite voluminous. The firm, and efforts require for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) Since the prices of drugs have not been revised since 1980 a decision was taken to give a hearing to the companies concerned on their price revision application for prices after 31st December, 1983.

Price control on imported bulk drugs

3274. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 't is a fact that bulk drugs imported for sale under DPCO, 1979 were under price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of importers made huge unintended profits by overcharging;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry did not fix the price of many of the imported bulk drugs for sale and al lowed the importers to overcharge;

(d) what steps have been taken to recover this amount and by when the total amount will be recovered;

(e) whether his Ministry has initiated the process of collection of details of overcharging and finalised the amounts due for recovery; and

(f) if so, what are the details of progress made during the last eight years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Bulk drugs included in Category I, II and III of DPCO, 1979 were under price control whether imported or indigenously manufactured.

(b) Action has been taken as and when instances of unintended benefit have come to the notice of Government.

(c) The prices of Scheduled bulk drugs were fixed as per the recommendation of BICP.

(d) and (f) No recovery has been made so far as the parties have disputed the amount.

(e) Yes Sir.

Amount collected under Drug Price Equalisation Account

3275. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced in the measures 1986 that the amount collected under Drugs Price Equalisation Account will be used for the purpose as given in DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, what was the purpose given in DPCO, 1979 and whether his Ministry is using the amount for the same purpose;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the purpose for which it has been used along with the authority under which such action was taken;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry issued notices for the recovery of the amount to more than 120 drug companies in 1983 and on onward under Para 4,7(i) and 7(ii); and

(e) if so, how much money has been worked out in favour of each of the these companies and how much money has been recovered from each as yet;

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The purposes for which the amount recovced from drug compares under the provisions of DPCO, 1979 can be spent are contained in Paragraph 17 of DPCO, 1979 and paragraph 14 of DPCO, 1987 which were laid on the Table of the House. The total amount distributed till date in accordance with the said provisions is Rs. 1792.56 lakhs.